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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Radio Liberation Contacts with Members of Congress

1. During the week of March 26-30, an American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism employee, Mr. Francis U. Macy, and a Radio Liberation free-lance writer, Mr. Maurice Friedburg, called on several members of Congress to solicit their participation in a future program of Radio Liberation to be devoted to the anniversary of the Russian Duma. As you may recall, the Imperial Russian Duma of 1906 was the first Russian experiment in representative parliamentary legislation. Radio Liberation is seeking messages from parliamentarians in the free world to be broadcast into the Soviet Union during the Duma anniversary period commencing May 10 to stimulate Soviet thinking of how its democratic heritage, now stifled, may again become a force inside the Soviet Union. It is hoped that Sir Winston Churchill will provide such a message.

2. Congressman Kruger of North Dakota prepared a message and Senator Knowland agreed to sign a message prepared by Radio Liberation. Congressmen Thos. Ashley of Ohio and Herbert Zelenko of New York were interviewed and promised their assistance at a later date. In all other cases the assistants in the offices of the Senators and Congressmen reacted favorably to the situation, but no material was forthcoming.

3. No indication of official interest in the American Committee or Radio Liberation was given by Messrs. Macy and Friedburg. Mr. Friedburg, who made most of the contacts, is unwitting of government interest in the project.

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